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The latest rumor is that Sam Bass & Co. are about to start a savings bank in Dallas.

PRESIDENT HAYES has already received over one hundred and twenty-five invitations to attend fourth of July celebrations.

Two men sailed from Boston to Havre in a boat 10 feet long and 6 feet 4 inches beam. They expect to make the trip in 45 days.

The people of the United States are evidently a coffee-drinking people. The imports of coffee amount to \$60,000,000 annually.

The *Marlin Ball* in hoisting the name of W. W. Lang for governor says it is unnecessary to go into a long review of the captain. That's a fact.

THREE negroes were hanged at Goldsboro, N. C. on Friday last for murder. Six thousand persons were present to enjoy the fun. Everything passed off quietly.

The *Honey Grove Independent* pronounces for Throckmorton and the *Dallas Herald* puts it approvingly on the back and says the *Independent* is the ablest weekly paper published in the State.

ABOUT six hundred warriors composed of Bannock, Piute and Shoshone Indians are on the war path in Idaho. Genl. Howard, of Freedmans bank, Nez Perces, Chief Joseph fame, is looking after them. This is a "terrible" thing for the "Injuns."

By the rule adopted at the last State convention each county is entitled to one delegate for each hundred votes and fraction of fifty over. In the election of 1876 there was 150,523 Democratic votes polled giving a total delegation of 1507, Washington county polled 226 votes and is therefore entitled to 22 delegates.

The *Austin Gazette* defines its position on the gubernatorial canvass and says it proposes to canvass the claims of Throckmorton in the light of recent developments in connection with those of Governor Hubbard, and from time to time, to furnish its preferences as circumstances may justify. It seems that the *Gazette* is now on the fence and is liable to jump down on either side.

The Morgan and Mallory lines have completed a contract by which the former is to get all the through freight by the Central road and its connection to or from New York, New Orleans or any other point except Galveston. The latter retains the Galveston business outward and inward, and also the through business of the International and its connections. The *Galveston News* remarks that the advances in freight tariff have not been made public.

BOULDS BAKER was secretary of a conference of Southern Republicans, Southern Unionists and Southern Whigs participated in the scheme by which Hayes was manufactured into a president. Here in Texas he is well known as a scheming Radical politician. It is further disclosed that Hayes was not in treaty with Southern Democrats, but with Southern Republicans, of whom Boulds Baker is a fair specimen.

The Senate substitute for the bill repealing the resumption act will not be agreed to by the House without a great change in sentiment. The bill is on the speaker's table where it cannot be reached without suspension of the rules.

The *Austin Gazette* has completed its flip-flop. It says "the *San Antonio Herald*, in commenting on an article from this press, says the *Gazette* has evidently, sourced on Hubbard." This is true, and for reasons which we shall give the public as opportunity may present. This settles the matter for the present.

FIRST gun for Shepard. Williamson county held her Democratic convention on Friday. The meeting was large and enthusiastic. On the vote to instruct delegates there was 48 votes for Hubbard and 47 for Throckmorton. The delegates were uninstructed. The delegates to the congressional convention were instructed to vote for Hon. Seth Shepard.

PARIS S. PROUTS, who has just purchased the *Dallas Herald*, is a practical printer, and was, at the commencement of the war, editor and principal proprietor of the *St. Joseph, Mo., Gazette*, a Democratic paper that then held to north-west Missouri the same position that the *Dallas Herald* now holds to north-west Texas. It was the leading paper of that section.

GEN. NUNCO in command of the government troops at Piedras Nigras has been killed by Escobedo's men. His death will prove a serious loss to the Diaz cause on the border. Gen. Mackenzie and Col. Shafter with a strong force crossed over into Mexico in pursuit of raiders about forty miles above Eagle Pass. Exciting news is expected.

JUDGE Ireland stated to a reporter of the *San Antonio Herald* that he has consented to the use of his name before the convention as a candidate for congress. He lays great stress on the want of more money—gold, silver and greenbacks. Schleicher's vote against the silver bill has done him great harm.

The land forgers are steadily going up. At Austin on Thursday ex-alderman James plead guilty to forging land titles and was sentenced to five years. Benjamin Weller also pleaded guilty and was given four years. Ham will hardly escape. About twenty more convictions will settle the business.

The Manhattan Life Insurance Company, of New York, has been sued in the United States District court at Galveston, by Mrs. Mary Rinker to recover \$10,000 for policies on the life of her husband, the late Selam Rinker. The company claims exemption under the suicide clause. Life Insurance companies are always ready to receive premiums, but never ready to pay losses without litigation.

COL. LANG spoke at Rockdale on Friday. He is in favor of retrenchment and reform. He thinks that but one assessment should be made in five years. Taxes are too high and should be reduced. He has not as yet fully matured his plans of financial reform, but hopes soon to do so and asks that the people give him an opportunity of putting them to a practical test.

In the House, Mr. Burchard, of Illinois, offered a resolution to the effect that R. B. Hayes and W. A. Wheeler, had been declared elected president and vice president, and declaring that no subsequent congress had power to revise that action; and that any power to annul or disregard that action is revolutionary, and is disapproved by the House. Resolution adopted by 215 to 21.

SHEPARD AND HANCOCK.

The *LaGrange Record* says it raises the name of Hancock as its voluntary choice, upon its own responsibility, without the authority or request of any living man. The *Record* professes to believe that Hancock is the choice of nine-tenths of the people of Fayette county. The other tenth is, we suppose, for Jones or some other fellow. Of course we do not know the sentiment of Fayette county, but are inclined to the opinion that the *Record's* admiration of Hancock has to a slight extent warped its judgement in regard to the sentiment of the people of its county. The *BANNER*, as yet, has learned nothing to change its opinion that Seth Shepard is the choice of the Democracy of the District, Fayette county and the *Record* to the contrary notwithstanding. At the congressional convention, at Austin, two years ago, Mr. Shepard was undoubtedly the first choice of the convention, and had the majority, instead of the two-thirds rule been in force, he would have got the nomination. Hancock and his strikers prevented it. This is a matter of record. The *Record* suspects "a bug under the chip." This is all a mistake; there is no bug there. Mr. Shepard is a citizen of this county, and as a matter of course, is a great favorite at home. The *BANNER's* advocacy of Mr. Shepard is as disinterested as the *Record's* of Hancock. We believe Mr. Shepard will make an able and faithful representative. So far as we are advised, the names of Col. Finley, of Galveston, and Col. Giddings have not been mentioned as being in the race. When the convention assembles it may be that some other man than Mr. Shepard will be the choice, but from the present outlook, we think Mr. Shepard is the man; if not, we shall cheerfully acquiesce in the result. Does our neighbor, the *Record*, recollect what Hancock said about the newspapers?

The speeches made at the Brewers' National congress at Baltimore last week contained some interesting suggestions on the subject of teetotalism. Mr. Lauer, of Pennsylvania, asserted that in all countries where stringent liquor laws have been adopted, the use of opium and injurious alcoholic drinks has been favored by such legislation. He said while the Germans and French, beer and wine-drinking people, are models of sobriety and frugality, the Turks, who are teetotalists and prohibitionists, are examples of degradation, indolence and filth. "The Turks," said Mr. Lauer, "being a nation of water-drinkers, have become as a stagnant morass—an offence to civilization."

The Senate, by a vote of 45 to 15 agreed to a substitute for the House bill to repeal the resumption act after amending the same so as to make United States notes receivable in payment for the four per cent bonds authorized by law to be issued and that on and after October 1, 1878 said notes shall be receivable for duty on imports. This will probably finish the financial legislation of this session of congress and give the National banks a further lease of life and licence to fleece the people as heretofore. The Senate amendment is yet to be concurred in by the House.

A SPECIAL from Eagle Pass to the *Galveston News* says, Escobedo's whereabouts is a matter of conjecture. The Mexican government has a force of about 400 men at Piedras Nigras, Genl. Mackenzie has about 500 cavalry and is amply supplied with Gatlings and artillery. It is thought Mackenzie's purpose is to recapture a large number of horses stolen in Texas and which Escobedo's men are mounted.

Freights to Galveston from New York have been advanced to 25 cents per hundred, and 12 cents per foot.

Wanted—A Competing Line.

An agent of the Montgomery, Ala., Oil Works, one of the wealthiest corporations in the South, has been in this city considering the purchase of the Brenham oil mills. He is perfectly delighted with the location of the city and the surrounding country and is satisfied that it offers superior advantages to any city in the city in the south for a cotton seed oil mill. There is more cotton produced in Washington county than in the same extent of territory in and other part of the world. The only difficulty in the way is the want of a competing freight line. The gent's men says he can ship the product of the Montgomery oil mills to Liverpool for 24s. or \$6 per ton less than he can from Brenham at existing freight tariff. Brenham is 150 miles nearer the sea coast than Montgomery. If we had the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe railroad completed to this place the parties would not hesitate a moment about locating here and may perhaps do so, because of probability of the roads being built. The road being here there is no doubt but that numerous manufacturing establishments will be started. Every merchant, mechanic, laborer, property owner and professional man is directly interested in the enterprise of a new railroad. It will be of universal benefit.

A MURDER case was on trial at Marshall, that of Dave Washington charged with the murder of Wm. Brown, both colored. The *Marshall Herald* says that out of the first venire of sixty jurors, only six were obtained, and another nearly exhausted before the jury was complete. It was astonishing how many men excused themselves from serving on the ground that they had conscientious scruples as to the infliction of the death of the death penalty. The *Herald* says: "As these excused parties filed out, one after another, we wondered if any one of them could be induced, under any circumstances to join a virtuous mob? Or if a relative of theirs had been murdered, how they would regard the matter?"

MONTGOMERY BLAIR still harps on the presidential title. He has written a letter to Major Dobyns, of the "Kingdom of Callaway," in Missouri, in which he says: "Hayes took office on the express stipulation that the decision of the commission which conferred it was not final, but was subject to review by the supreme court of the United States." This is a different view from that generally entertained. The question was submitted to the electoral commission for the purpose of a final solution. The result is before the country and has been thoroughly discussed.

The Internal Revenue laws are very strict. Saloon keepers can not be too particular. In St. Louis a number of dram-shop keepers have been arrested for putting a few blackberries, roots, herbs, etc. in distilled spirits, thereby rendering themselves liable as rectifiers. This ruling makes it unlawful for a bar-keeper to compound a bottle of tansy bitters. The destruction of revenue stamps on packages should be closely watched.

The Rinker case at Galveston is assuming new interest. Dr. Rogers an intimate of Rinker, and acquainted with the circumstances, testifies that he believes Burgess murdered him. It was claimed some time ago that the absence of powder marks in the face of Rinker was proof positive that he had not shot himself. The present suit grows out of life insurance policies.

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SCHOENAU VOLKSFEST.

A Large Attendance and a Good Time.

The Senior, in company with some fifteen gentlemen of Brenham, attended the Schoenau Volksfest, which took place last Saturday, near Carmichael's store, in Austin county. The place selected for the fest was on the top of a high hill, covered by a grove of large live oak trees, affording a splendid shade, which served as a fine protection from the rays of the sun, which seemed intent upon scorching to a crisp the pleasure seekers.

The grounds were admirably well laid out; refreshment stands and restaurants were provided; a mammoth platform, with a splendid floor, for dancing was erected; the Hobby Horses were on the ground and furnished ample amusement for the children, old and young; posts were set, rings provided and a track made for tournament exercises, but owing to the oppressively warm weather, they were dispensed with.

The exercises of the day were opened at 1 o'clock by President Kohler, who introduced to the audience Mr. Robert Scherbeck, the German orator, who favored them with an excellent and carefully prepared address, which was well delivered and gave general satisfaction, eliciting great praise from a large number of intelligent Germans present.

The next was an English oration by a young Presbyterian minister, Mr. Boyd. His theme was upon labor and its reward, and was favorably received.

The Bohemian oration was delivered by Mr. Heidusck, a prominent young lawyer of Fayette county, and is said to have been an able effort.

About this time it was announced that Geo. Wash Jones had arrived and desired to make a political speech. Although the committee thought it an inappropriate time for political speech-making—it not being a political gathering—he was allowed one hour in which to tell what he knew about greenbacks. Notwithstanding he had a respectful hearing, no one's pockets were visibly replenished that we heard of. Of one thing, however, the people are thoroughly convinced, and that is, that Jones is a chronic office-seeker and demagogue.

At 6 o'clock dancing was commenced upon the platform and was enthusiastically indulged in by all present during the entire night.

The Volksfest was a perfect success in every respect. There were about six hundred people present; and a more orderly, harmonious assemblage it has never been our pleasure to witness. The entire festivities passed off pleasantly and satisfactorily to all participants, reflecting much credit upon the officers and committeemen of the association.

Our thanks are due Messrs. J. A. Kohler, J. G. Carmichael, Wm. Vanderwerth and N. Carmichael, for courtesies extended us, and we desire to assure them that their kindness is duly appreciated.

We hope that the committee may be induced to keep up their association, and make their Fest a regular annual season of amusement.

The *Houston Telegram*, speaking of the *Austin Gazette's* ground and lofty tumbling in the political arena, says:

"But to all outsiders, 'all of whom we are one of which,' the laugh comes in where Throckmorton papers repudiate the Colonel."

On Saturday there was a meeting of the freight agents at Houston. The result of their labors was not ascertained, but it is thought that an advance in freights will be the consequence.

The European Congress will not sit daily, but the time and intervals of adjournment will be set after discussion. The Congress will last several weeks.

Farm.

Contains information for the farmer.

The first year of its existence was attended with more or less expense, yet it is a fact, not to be denied, that as the farm progresses the expenditures diminish. The entire farm consists of 325 acres, 160 of which are in cultivation. There are 75 acres in wheat, 70 in corn and 10 in a garden, which latter, besides furnishing food for the occupants of the farm, will more than pay for itself by the sale of surplus vegetables.

The houses on the farm consist of the overseer's house, two for paupers, a guard house for prisoners and a large barn. The stock on the farm consists of six head of mules, two yoke of oxen, four cows and calves, four yearlings and some fifty head of hogs. The place is well supplied with farming implements. The expense of paying for the farm and stock, besides other necessary expenses, have, it is true, cost some money; but such will not be the case during the next year of its existence. The land which cost \$15 per acre for the whole, is now estimated at \$35 per acre. During the year there has been on an average about thirty hands employed on the farm.

It cost the county before the poor farm was started, never less than \$6000 a year to support its paupers. The convicts for petty offences, who were thrown into the county jail, cost the county forty cents a day to feed them, while no work was realized from them. The number thus fed averaged twenty, which cost the county about \$3,000 per year.

The expenses of the county jail, before the establishment of the farm, averaged \$4,000 every quarter, while the expenses of that institution during the last quarter did not exceed \$1600. The total expenses of the county owing to the reduction of the former have been reduced at least two thousand dollars per annum. The decrease will be far greater next year when its products will no doubt, besides paying all expenses, turn a handsome revenue into the county treasury.

Here in Washington county we now have fifty paupers on the rolls and the number will continue to augment until a poor farm is established.

BUTLER and Conkling are together daily, working up testimony to connect the President with knavery done in Louisiana. Butler and Conkling being experienced knaves themselves will no doubt succeed. Montgomery Blair says the President was fully aware of the rascality that was being practiced to put him in office, and that all the scoundrels have been duly rewarded except Anderson.

We have heard of places mirroring a turkey buzzard's shadow and a saddle blanket, but now comes the report of the mirroring of a locomotive in the quicksand of Kiowa Creek, on the Kansas Pacific road. It is now eleven days since it went through the bridge, and although a hundred men have been at work probing for it, it can not be felt.

The *Flotonia Argus* says "We want no young inexperienced man to represent the fifth district, (in congress) simply because he has the gift of gab." The *Navesota Tablet* propounds as follows: "We would ask the *Argus* if there is any odium attached to, or sin in being a young man?"

JOHN SHERMAN borrowed \$5,000 of a New York bank to pay the expenses of the Louisiana commission promising to return the same out of the deficiency appropriation. The money has not been paid. The proceeding is irregular.

The bark *Azore* from Charleston with 250 negro emigrants for Liberia arrived at Seira Leone May 10. Ship fever broke out and twenty-three died; the rest were in good spirits at having arrived in Africa.

Peak's rangers and a sheriff's party had an engagement with Col. Bass and his command in Wise county May. Jones had a telegram from Peak stating that two of Bass' gang are killed and two wounded. The rangers met with no loss. The robbers' horses have been captured. Peak thinks he will take Bass this time.

Heavy rains are reported throughout the State. There are twelve prisoners in the Georgetown jail. Nueces county will go for Hubbard and Schleicher. Three burglaries in Galveston on Wednesday night. Chicken thieves are doing a fine business in Houston and suburbs.

The *Victoria Advocate* does not take kindly to the Sage of Seguin, John Ireland. John G. Super, who killed Mudd in Harris county, has been admitted to bail in the sum of \$3000.

Denison is to have the greatest fourth of July celebration ever held in that section of country. Mrs. Freeland, who was severely burned by a coal oil explosion at Dallas a few days ago, is dead.

Emancipation day will be duly celebrated by the negroes at Brenham, Austin, Galveston and Houston. Robertson county does not instruct her delegates to stand, Hubbard, 14; Lang, 3; Throckmorton, 2. W. E. Hammond, living near Bremond, had a difficulty with Thomas Garner, a renter. Garner was killed.

STATE NEWS.

Contains information for the farmer.

Charles Barsantee has been arrested at Hempstead and put under \$300 bonds for assisting his brother to escape. Ed. did not escape, but is now in the Brenham jail.

The *Waco Telephone* claims that Bosque county sends her delegates to Austin uninstructed. The *Examiner's* "yap" that Bosque had instructed for Lang was entirely too previous. Great damage is apprehended from the careless way in which much of the wheat has been shocked. Careless and unthrifty farmers have been taught an expensive lesson in the past two weeks.

A son of Mayor Stone, of Galveston, had a difficulty with Tom Walsh, a fireman, at a picnic in Galveston. Young Stone shot Walsh inflicting, it is supposed, a mortal wound.

Honey Grove is a temperance town, with L. O. law in force, but the effects of an over indulgence in "bug juice" will crop out. Three bounteous chaps were taken and \$10 was added to the city's coffers.

On last Saturday night a fine lot of rowdies turned themselves loose in Marshall. They had a superb time shooting. Sixty-two bullets holes in the doors and awnings on Austin and Bolivar streets are standing monuments of their prowess.

W. H. Pascoe, of the *Galveston Citizen*, has been the victim of burglars. They did not get anything of value and had they known they were burglarizing the house of a newspaper man would probably have not entered.

Things are coming to a pretty pass in Denison. Major General Barney Cunningham has been yanked up before the police court for "cutting up" on election day. The general not being able to pay his fine has joined the street gang.

The *Houston Telegram* calls attention to the fact that the practice of carrying six-shooters is entirely too common. It says a lawyer was seen in the criminal court-room with a pistol on his person. The law should be impartially enforced without fear or favor, and the lawyer referred to, should have been arrested and fined.

A number of citizens of Walker county held a meeting and adopted resolutions that every discharged convict, not convicted in Walker county, shall be compelled to leave the county within twenty-four hours after their discharge from the penitentiary under penalty of a severe whipping. Any person harboring convicts is also to be whipped. The citizens have entered into a compact to protect one another in carrying out the "resolutions."

SENATOR Kellogg was invited before the Potter committee on Saturday last, but could not make it convenient to attend just at that time.

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